

is better today due to her passion and creativity. I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation for her unwavering support of the arts and the Congressional Art Competition. I wish her a long and happy retirement with her husband, Edward, and their family.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Noelle Rhodes Scott for over 21 years of service with the Cabarrus Arts Council.

HONORING KIRKLIN "KIRK" WOODCOCK, THE WILTON HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, FOR HIS ENDURING DEDICATION TO SERVING HIS COMMUNITY

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 20, 2021*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kirklin "Kirk" Woodcock for over 40 years of unwavering public service and congratulate him on his retirement. After serving as a Wilton Town Council Member, Mr. Woodcock devoted 34 additional years to the town as the Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Kirk Woodcock is a native to the town of Wilton and was first elected to office in 1979 as a town council member. Eight years later, he ran for Highway Superintendent and has been reelected 16 times, a testament to his outstanding work for the community and the immense trust and respect the people of Wilton have for him.

Throughout his 34 years serving as the Highway Superintendent, Mr. Woodcock oversaw transformative projects that facilitated Wilton's immense growth. Mr. Woodcock and his team successfully maintained, built, constructed, and plowed Wilton's 220 lane miles of road. Additionally, he has assisted many other departments in Wilton and has played a pivotal role in helping with the maintenance and construction of Gavin Park, Camp Saratoga, Grant Cottage, and the new Maple Avenue Firehouse building. Throughout his time as Highway Superintendent, Mr. Woodcock always prioritized the satisfaction of Wilton residents.

In addition to going above and beyond as Highway Superintendent, Kirk has volunteered and organized fundraisers for Double H Ranch, which gives children facing life-threatening illnesses the ability to enjoy various outdoor activities in the Adirondacks, including the ski slopes that Kirk helped build.

We are very grateful to Mr. Woodcock for loyally serving Wilton and its residents for the past 40 years. On behalf of New York's 21st district, I would like to thank Kirk for his contributions to the town of Wilton and congratulate him on reaching this important milestone. I wish him all the best in this next chapter of his life.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF REV. DR. JOE NATHANIEL CROUT AFTER OVER 44 YEARS OF MINISTRY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 20, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rev. Dr. Joe Nathaniel Crout on the occasion of his retirement after over 44 years of ministry at New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. His lifetime of service and dedication to our community is worthy of commendation.

Pastor Crout preached his first sermon on May 5, 1963 after hearing the call to ministry. In 1977 he graduated from Detroit Bible College, where he studied Theology and Psychology. That same year he founded New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church which found it's home in Ypsilanti, Michigan. In 2001, he was conferred an honorary doctorate degree from the Tennessee School of Religion in Memphis, Tennessee. Since its founding, Pastor Crout has served as Senior Pastor for New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church. He has dedicated his life to Jesus Christ and has focused on serving the needs of those families and individuals in our community.

An Ypsilanti resident for over 60 years, Pastor Crout has been greatly involved in our community. He is a founding member of the Minister's Alliance of Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, and Vicinity and has been active in organizations that serve our neighbors such as Helping Hands Charity, Inc and the Partnership in Economic Alliance for Community Empowerment. He has served on the board of the Washtenaw Housing Commission and is a frequent volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and the Parkridge Community Center of Ypsilanti.

A trusted friend and confidant for many in leaders and individuals alike in our area, Pastor Crout's passion for humanity and community is felt by all who have met him. His character, compassion, and dedication to service has touched countless lives. Pastor Crout resides in Ypsilanti with his loving wife and ministry partner Audrey, they have been married for 44 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Rev. Dr. Joe Nathaniel Crout on his retirement from New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church. As a pillar of our community, a leader, and a man of true faith, Pastor Crout's powerful sermons will be missed. We join with his congregation, friends, and family in wishing Pastor Crout the very best in retirement and thank him for his years of service.

HONORING TIM KRUEGER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 20, 2021*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Tim Krueger as Iowan of the Week. Tim leads Harvest Academy, a 24-month life skills academy for those with crimi-

nal backgrounds, substance abuse challenges, or who have experienced homelessness.

Tim's passion is changing the lives of Iowans by focusing on behaviors that cause individuals to hit rock bottom. After teaching weekly classes for at-risk teens in Peoria, Illinois, Tim discovered his true calling was helping individuals who wanted to better their lives and didn't know where to turn. He recognized his once-a-week classes were not enough to help make real change for at-risk individuals. After a conversation with his family, Jim decided to leave his role in the private sector and find a way to make change in his community.

Tim visited several therapeutic model communities across the country to learn more about the structure of the programs. He became a program observer for The Other Side Academy in Salt Lake City before taking what he learned and bringing it to central Iowa. Tim established Harvest Academy in Indianola in 2019.

Harvest Academy follows a participative, group-based approach to anti-social behavior, criminal activity, and drug addiction through a two-year therapeutic program. Students apply voluntarily and must be accepted into the program. The program is completely free for students.

The community therapeutic model allows students to enhance their skills, solve problems together, and hold one another accountable. Students have the opportunity to earn leadership positions and take on new duties to serve as role models for newer students in the community. Students also participate in skills-based training to help them enter the workforce. Harvest Academy assists students with aspects of the job search and provides training in corporate development, culinary arts, landscaping, and facility management. Harvest Academy operates a local moving company that helps the program remain self-sustainable.

Tim is a fantastic role model and leader at Harvest Academy. He advocates for those who want to change their lives and provides a safe living space for individuals to change their lives. I am proud to honor Tim Krueger as Iowan of the Week.

RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES COAST GUARD COMMANDER ADAM KOZIATEK

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 20, 2021*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize United States Coast Guard Commander Adam Koziatke for his outstanding performance as part of my committee staff over the past two years.

Commander Koziatke graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2002. Following graduation, he was assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Morgenthau, where he supervised the engineering department and managed a \$250,000 annual budget. After this assignment, Commander Koziatke was assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Bertholf as an engineer officer. In this role, he established shipboard programs and conducted oversight of a \$276 million contract.

Then, in 2006, Commander Koziatek enrolled in the U.S. Naval Joint Flight Training program. Following completion of this program, Commander Koziatek utilized his training to respond to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and the humanitarian relief efforts following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, he would

later execute missions spanning the Coast Guard's largest area of operation.

In 2018, Commander Koziatek was assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard's Financial Analysis & Budget Execution Division, where he was responsible for a portfolio exceeding \$6 billion. Then, in 2020 Commander Koziatek began as a fellow to the House Appropriations

Subcommittee on Homeland Security. He brought nearly 20 years of experience with the U.S. Coast Guard and became a trusted and valuable member of my staff.

I offer my deepest appreciation to Commander Koziatek, and I wish him the very best.